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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

Adios, Wayne!



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Hang time

Jason Dudas, 14, a 9th grader from Charleston High School, jumps with his skateboard Friday evening in the Booth Library quad.

Eastern in limbo on wage's effect

Officials unsure how bill would effect university employment

By TIM MCCANN
Staff writer

University officials are not yet sure whether the upcoming minimum wage increase will cause a cutback in student employment on campus.

The increase in minimum wage could force campus employers to cut hours or jobs to balance university budgets; however, recent campus trends show a need for more student employment — a shortage the wage increase may eliminate.

The minimum wage bill, which is President Bill Clinton's signature away from being passed, will immediately raise the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$4.75 and

within one year's time become \$5.15. The U.S. Senate approved the Tuesday. President Clinton could sign the bill as early as Sept. 2.

In recent years, campus employers have found it difficult to get students to work in student Dining Services and other campus jobs, said John Flynn, Eastern's financial aid director. Most of the students that do hold campus jobs can only commit to a few hours a week, Flynn said.

Eastern employs between 2,400 to 2,700 students on campus a year. The majority of the students earn \$4.25 per hour, and so far, about 475 students will rely on work-study jobs this fall, Flynn said.

Flynn said the university had

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Ted's owner dies

By DENISE RENFRO
Staff editor

Ted Bertucca, the long-time owner of Ted's Warehouse, 102 North Sixth St., died Friday before midnight. The cause of death has not yet been released.

Bertucca was born on May 29, 1929, in Chicago and has been the owner of Ted's Warehouse for more than 20 years.

Michael Treis, a former Eastern student, worked for Bertucca for two years as a bouncer and a functions manager at Ted's.

"He was the most prestigious businessman I've ever known,"

Treis said. "He was a community man, he cared tremendously about the community and Eastern students."

"He supported the designated drivers program, he gave to lots of charities and he cared more about the community than about himself," Treis said.

"He was very warm hearted," he said. "Profits from the bar went back into the community."

Bertucca's visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Caudill King Funeral Home, 1117 Jackson Ave. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and a wake

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Spousal hiring has undergone many changes

By HEIDI KEIBLER
AND MARK FORSTNEGER
Staff writers

Thirty years ago, Carol and Raymond Schmutde couldn't both work at Eastern.

Schmutde and her husband Raymond, both English professors, met when Raymond was enrolled in a graduate level English course Carol was teaching.

The two were married in 1984, and Raymond was hired at Eastern in 1991. And although Carol, who has worked at Eastern since 1966, played no part in her husband's hiring, employment of relatives violated Eastern's internal governing policy until 1979.

"When I first came here, a number of wives couldn't be employed because their husbands had jobs here," Carol Schmutde said. "One spouse would be employed and the other would be denied employment. It most always worked against women."

But for the Schmutdes and more than 170 other university employees related by either blood or marriage, Eastern is their shared economic lifeblood.

"For a small town like Charleston, Eastern is the ideal place to work," Greg Chasteen said. "We're able to raise three kids and be able to put them through college — so yeah, we're pretty happy." Chasteen and his wife Arlene are building service workers at Eastern.

The employment of relatives has been outlined in Eastern's Internal Governing Policies and Procedures since 1979, where it is stated: "Opportunities for employment, leaves, promotion, tenure and fringe benefits may not be limited because of marital relationship or immediate family relationship."

A mixed bag

The hiring of relatives has come under fire

"We each are professional people and we each do our own jobs. We've been very clear about separating our personal and professional lives."

-Norbert Furumo,

on he and his wife working at Eastern

at Eastern several times — with the February hiring of Graduate School Dean Tom Gladsky's wife, the March 1995 creation of a media relations position for Vice President for Business Affairs Morgan Olsen's wife and the 1991 firing of Vice President for Administrative Finance Verna Armstrong for her part in the hiring of several of her relatives.

But many couples work together today — some in the same department — with seemingly no nepotism involved in their hiring and little opportunity for a conflict of

interest.

"All of us recognize the potential problems of a person overseeing a spouse or drawing up guidelines for a job," Schmutde said. "But I think most of those problems arise in the very visible administrative positions."

Kim Furumo and her husband Norbert came to Eastern in 1989 when he was hired as a chemistry professor. She was later hired as Eastern's budget director.

"We each are professional people and we each do our own jobs," Norbert Furumo said. "We've been very clear about separating our personal and professional lives."

"I have to act as a professional budget director," said Kim Furumo. "I can't advocate at the state appropriations level that we should get more research money when my husband is involved in research."

Eastern's employment and recruitment procedures, contained in the Internal

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Mom, daughter meet by accident

NORTH ROYALTON, Ohio (AP) — A new girl washing dishes at the restaurant looked familiar to assistant chef Gina Crimi. She looked again: It was the daughter she gave up for adoption 15 years ago.

Crimi said Traci Trobl resembled her brother.

After some checking, Crimi verified the relationship and told the girl's adoptive mother, Marge Trobl. Then Traci was told.

"I was shocked a little. Really surprised," Traci said.

Mrs. Trobl said she and her husband were pleased for Traci. "It was like a piece of her life was filled in."

Crimi, who lives three miles away from the Trobls, said she gave up her baby when she was a high school student.

"Putting a child up for adoption is one of the hardest decisions you can make. You always are thinking about the child," Crimi said.

"I always hoped and expected the girl would knock on my door someday. I was hoping

when she was of age, she would be the one to pursue it ... I didn't want to interfere with her life," Crimi told The Plain Dealer in a story published Sunday.

The families have meshed well. Traci met a 10-year-old half-brother, Stephen, who was invited to an amusement park with the Trobls.

Traci has visited her maternal grandparents.

After watching Traci with the Trobls, Crimi said she was certain she did the right thing.

Planned marriage foiled with crash of TWA 800

NEW YORK (AP) — They met by the sea, at Martha's Vineyard; two young Harvard graduates, their lives filled with promise.

Last week, as she saw him off on a flight to Paris, Michel Breistroff proposed; Heidi Snow accepted.

In a jumble of love and good-byes, in the minutes before he boarded, they planned a wedding "some place with turquoise water, like where we met," she recalled.

Instead of the setting for their union, the ocean ended up as Breistroff's grave. He was one of 230 people who died aboard TWA Flight 800, which exploded Wednesday off the coast of Long Island.

Breistroff, 25, of Roubaix, France, was flying home to play

preseason games with the French national hockey team. He hoped to play for France in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

"But he loved America; he wanted to live here. He was very excited about it," said Snow, 24, who works in investment finance in Manhattan.

"He asked me to marry him just before he got on the plane," she said, clutching his photo. "He had so many dreams; he just wanted to be happy."

Although they both attended Harvard, they didn't know each other there. When they met at Martha's Vineyard, off the Massachusetts coast, he was teaching hockey to children in a Harvard-affiliated program.

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problems hiring enough students last year and wasn't sure if the minimum wage increase would cause a cutback in student hiring or not. He said the increase might have an effect on some budgets, but it will be up to individual employers on campus to determine how many students would be hired for the 1996-97 school year.

"It could cause some tension in some budgets," Flynn said. "We had no knowledge this was going to happen when the budget was prepared."

Flynn said campus employers may have to hire less students or decrease hours if the increase puts too much of a strain on their budgets.

But as for now, there isn't much concern that the minimum wage increase will cause a serious cutback in student hiring on campus.

The increase may even encourage more students to seek on campus jobs that currently go unfilled.

"It may. I'm not sure," said Becky Litton, who is in charge of hiring students for dining hall services during the summer and doesn't understand why

employees on campus have been hard to come by recently. "I don't know why students aren't as eager to work as they used to be."

The dining hall services employ the most students on campus during the school year. About 600 students were employed in residence hall food service last year.

Litton said in the last few years, food service help has been short because most students who are employed only commit to about five to 10 hours a week. She is not sure how the increased minimum wage may affect employment in the dining halls.

"We have a large student payroll ... depending on the increase, I don't know if we'll have to cut back any," Litton said.

Litton said the student help in the dining halls is important. She hopes the increase encourages more students to work longer hours instead of it resulting in a cutback.

"We're budgeted so much," she said. "I don't know what we'll do if they increase the budget."

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service will be at 7:30 p.m. on today.

Bertucca will be buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Mattoon.

Memorials can be made to the Eastern Illinois University Panther Club.

According to Darrell King, owner of the Caudill King Funeral Home, Ted "Opened Ted's in 1972, and operated it

until his death."

Bertucca was a member of the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Charleston Moose Lodge, Charleston VFW post 1592, and a member of Eastern's Panther Club.

Bertucca is survived by a brother, Joseph Bertucca, of Chicago, a sister Victoria Adducci of Charleston and several nieces and nephews.

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Governing Policies and Procedures book, detail several steps that must be taken for relatives whose jobs overlap.

For instance, neither relative may "vote, recommend or have any other part in decision-making regarding the other's employment, leaves, sabbatical, promotion, salary increases, retention or tenure." If a person assumes a supervisory role for a relative, the supervisor must file a statement relinquishing all control of personnel matters to his or her immediate supervisor.

Small town, small job market

Couples employed at Eastern say the size of Charleston's economy makes Eastern the obvious choice for employment.

"This is a small community," Schmudde said. "There aren't all kinds of other opportunities at the level for which you're professionally trained."

Budget Analyst Chris Sims has worked at Eastern for 12 years. When her husband lost his job with Moores Business Forms because it went out of business, he immediately took a temporary position at Eastern. Eighteen

months later, he was hired full-time as a building service worker — a job he continues to hold today.

"(Eastern's) a good employer, the hours are good, the benefits are good, the pay is good," she said.

Medical and dental insurance as well as a retirement plan are offered to university employees.

Building Service Worker Anita Swart said she worked as a janitor at Boatmen's Bank for seven years while her husband worked at Eastern in a similar position.

"I had been trying for years to get a job here," she said. "My pay doubled when I came to Eastern."

On the personal side

Relatives, specifically married couples, say the benefits of working at the same institution are more than just financial.

"(My husband and I) eat lunch together everyday," Woods said. "He'll say, 'I'm having lunch with my wife,' and people will be like, 'Oh, that's nice. When was the last time you had lunch with her?' And he'll be like, 'Well, yesterday.'"

Woods said having the same academic schedule is also convenient.

"I don't teach in intersession and that's when he's the slowest," she said. "When he's slow, I'm off. It's a great benefit."

While some employees admit their work follows them home, they say it's a fact of life they've learned to enjoy.

"For the first several years we shared the same office, so there was a lot of ... togetherness," Comerford said with a laugh.

Conflict of interest?

Couples who work together say they have faced few conflicts during their time at Eastern and the ones they do encounter are minor.

Schmudde said as an adviser in the English department, she is faced with the possibility of students complaining to her about her husband. But she said she is confident she could handle the situation.

"If it seemed to be a personal problem, I would refer them to (department chairman) Dr. (James) Quivey," she said. "I haven't encountered that, but I imagine it's possible."

Schmudde said she always tells students immediately that her husband is Raymond to

avoid potential conflicts.

"It's common courtesy to be really up front and tell the student the person is your spouse," she said. "Otherwise a student could feel trapped or betrayed."

Schmudde conceded that because at least 10 members of the English department are married, she probably won't hear much complaining about spouses working together.

"I don't think anybody's objected," she said. "But then I probably wouldn't hear about it."

Schmudde said the 1979 placement of the employment of relatives policy in the Internal Governing Policies and Procedures has diffused many possible conflicts.

"It eliminates situations where it would be hard to set aside personal knowledge and opinions," she said. "In this department and others I know of, that's worked out pretty well."

Schmudde said the policy has also avoided possible discrimination against spouses.

"You have to treat people as individuals," she said. "You can't say, 'Well, we just gave him a promotion last year, so they don't need the money, so we won't give it to her' — and then give it to someone else."

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Rub-a-dub-dub

Shauna Fanello, a junior from Charleston High School, lures people to a car wash Saturday for her Flag Corp club.

Students have new need for dance minor at Eastern

By MISSA BECK
Staff editor

More than a decade ago, Eastern's physical education department tried to implement a dance minor — it did not work.

Today, however, there may be a greater interest prompting the need to establish a dance minor.

"A lot of people would like to take a dance minor as we understand it, but when we tried 10 to 15 years ago, we did not meet the requirements to find at least 50 interested students and have two to three full-time staff members to teach dance," said Nancy Nordvedt, a faculty dance instructor.

Dance is now an interdisciplinary minor, which is a combination of course work from

a variety of disciplines or academic areas.

Currently, the establishment of a minor is in the early stages. Jim Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and Dr. Phoebe Church, chair of the physical education department, are beginning to discuss and explore possibilities of acquiring the minor.

"We already have a good basis for a dance minor," Church said. "There are technique and theory classes, but the only thing we would have to do is look at other college programs and study their advanced courses."

Dance is part of the physical education program and is not recognized as an art because Eastern is affiliated with a national organization called American Alliance For

Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Church said.

"Dance is human movement consisting of axial and locomotive movements. It does not make any difference at all between the colleges — dance's basis is movement, which is fitness," Church said.

The value of a dance minor would "prepare students for life-long learning whether students are in math or science. It would enrich the campus," said Mary Kelm, director of the academic assistance center.

International Expression of Dance lecture class is the only core course that offers a credit for any majors.

All other dance classes, such as Technique and Theory of Modern and Ballet Dances, gives physical education majors

the Cross County Mall.

The Bagelfest Beauty Queen Pageant will be held at 6 p.m. in the Lake Land College auditorium.

Bagelfest '96 will officially begin at 7 p.m. Friday evening with opening ceremonies at 17th and Broadway Ave. and the unveiling of the *Even Bigger World's Biggest Bagel*.

Doeding said Murray Lender, host and founder of the event, will arrive Friday to help celebrate Bagelfest '96. Lender has become a well-known celebrity in the Mattoon area and he welcomes everyone to Bagelfest.

More extensive prelude coverage of the Friday and Saturday Bagelfest '96 celebration will be featured on the entertainment page of the *Daily Eastern News* on Wednesday.

Anyone wishing more information about the week's festivities may contact the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce at 235-5661.

Water to be shut off in some areas

Some areas of Charleston will not have water and then be under a boil order beginning Tuesday morning.

Residents living on Johnson and Grant avenues east of 20th Street, Stoner Drive East, Stoner Drive West, Sarah's Lane and Ironwood Lane will have their water temporarily shut off between 7 a.m. and

noon on Tuesday.

A boil order will then be in effect for those areas until noon Wednesday.

"I would imagine it wouldn't be harmful (if the water wasn't boiled), it just would not be good and clean tasting," said Scott Ballard, water plant operator.

The designated areas will

not effect any students living on campus.

"No Eastern housing areas will be effected, unless (students) rent a house on that end," Ballard said.

The water will be cut off because the city will be working on water lines at the intersection of Illinois Routes 16 and 133.

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Minimum wage hike should help campus student employment

Tuesday's U.S. Senate vote to raise the minimum wage should have a positive impact on student employment.

Recently, several student employers — such as most residence hall food services — have been experiencing a lack of student help.

With President Bill Clinton likely to ink the minimum wage increase as early as Sept.

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2, Eastern will be forced to pay more than \$4.25 an hour, and students will be more inclined to work on campus.

On Tuesday, the Senate passed a bill that — if made law — will immediately raise the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$4.75 an hour and within a year hike the minimum to \$5.15.

Student employment plays an important part in the functioning of the university.

Eastern employs between 2,400 to 2,700 students on campus per year, and the majority of those earn \$4.25 an hour. Slated for this fall, so far, more than 450 students will also rely on work-study jobs.

John Flynn, director of financial aid, said campus employers have found it difficult to get enough students to work the needed hours.

If Eastern is forced to begin paying a larger minimum wage, more students will likely work for the university because of the job accessibility perk.

Flynn said one problem with the hike may be having enough money to budget student payrolls.

However, Eastern was just granted a 5.6 increase in its operating budget for fiscal year 1997 and the Board of Trustees Wednesday approved a recommended 9.4 increase for fiscal year 1998.

Therefore, Eastern has little excuse to cut jobs because the minimum wage went up 50 cents.

Whether the increase will help or harm the national economy is an endless debate, but what is certain is that many students will pass up flipping fast-food burgers for 50 cents more an hour and start serving potatoes in food service.

“today's quote

A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things.

—Ecclesiastes 10:19

Flood of '96 creates water-logged memories

I hate water.

I know we need it to live, but at this point I figure I could live without it for a long time.

I got a call Thursday morning from a friend back home. “You’d better call your folks,” he said. “We’re under water here. It’s a mess.”

No kidding.

My father tried to convince me that it wasn’t too bad and that I shouldn’t come home. Part of me now wishes I’d listened.

All the news reports you watched over the weekend covering “the flood of ‘96” could have been filmed from my basement.

Home to me is Montgomery, right between DeKalb and Naperville, the areas hardest hit by the flood. These days, the entire neighborhood smells like old, dirty water.

But the smell isn’t the worst part. The worst part was losing my childhood.

As my sisters and I waded through the basement, we came across my baby book. I was a really cute kid, and now I can’t prove it. My photos from my first trip to Disney World, cards from my grandparents, my Girl Scout badges — all of these mementos are now part of the Land of Mildew.

Looking through all these waterlogged things brought back a lot of memories. I suppose that’s why I saved this stuff. It’s human nature to want to relive the good parts of life. That explains my report cards from second and third grade. It’s also human nature to want to remember the crummy parts, so we can learn from them. That explains my report cards from high school.

It’s surprising how much of the stuff we save is on paper. The poems I wrote when I was a child and didn’t understand the concept of rhyming were sad both because I stunk as a poet and they ... well, they literally stunk. I even found old letters to Santa. Turns out my mom never mailed them. That explains why I didn’t get new ice skates that year.

A few years ago, my father built a cedar closet in our



MARGARET BIERITZ
Regular columnist

“My family has learned to see the good that can come out of a tragedy.”

basement to protect our clothing from moths. All my costumes from dance recitals and plays were in there. So were all of my winter clothes, including the gorgeous camel hair topcoat I bought on sale at the end of last winter. It was a real steal, and I stored it at home so it would be safe from the insect kingdom. I guess I should have kept it here. Moth holes I can live with. Slime I cannot.

My grandmother’s china, which she gave me before she died, took me a full day to clean. But at least it was salvageable. Many of our things were not.

My sister has an apartment in the basement, and nearly all of her furniture was ruined. It was ugly, because she has no taste, but it’s still a shame that all her stuff is gone. Now she’ll have to go buy new ugly stuff.

My mother picked up some beautiful antiques at the flea market last summer and was waiting to refinish them. Looking on the bright side, the flood saved her some really hard work.

My family has learned to see the good that can come out of a tragedy. We honestly had a good time reminiscing while we tossed our memories into the trash. But if I hear one more person tell me that it could have been worse, I refuse to be held accountable for my actions. For too many people whose baby books are still intact have told me that I’m lucky I didn’t lose anything really important.

Well, maybe that’s true. No one died. No one got sick. My family and my dog are safe and well. But it’s not up to my well-meaning, yet annoying, friends to tell me what’s important. I wouldn’t have saved all that stuff for so many years if it wasn’t important.

From now on, I’m saving all the important stuff in Tupperware.

—Margaret Bieritz is a staff writer and regular columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



MIXED MEDIA

BY JACK OHMAN



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The Sounds of Music

A photographic look at the weeklong Eastern Music Camp



IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer

Shannon Passaglia, a junior from Cary-Grove High School, jumps Thursday afternoon during a camp practice.



NAOKO KOJIMA/Staff photographer

Jillian Johnson, 17, from Cary-Grove, performs a solo of "Over the Rainbow" during the show choir concert.



NAOKO KOJIMA/Staff photographer

Molly Ade and Rick Stiles, both participants of Eastern Music Camp from Cary-Grove High School, perform during a show choir concert Saturday afternoon.



NAOKO KOJIMA/Staff photographer

SISTERS WITH VOICES, one of participant groups of Eastern's Music Camp, performs the song "Jazz Me Blues."



NAOKO KOJIMA/Staff photographer

Peas in a Pod, one of the participant groups of show choir concert plays a medley from "Grease." A total of 200 high school and junior high school students participated in Eastern Music Camp.



IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer

Liz Marty, a senior from Nokomis High School at Nokomis, sings "I Will Survive" Friday evening during a dance performed by "Sisters With Voices" at a rehearsal.



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Nate Schweighart, a senior from Paxton Buckley Loda High School at Paxton, holds Jamie Vandenboon, a senior from Cary-Grove High School.

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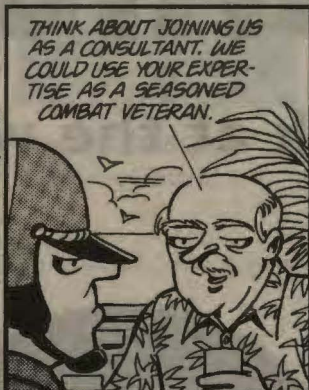
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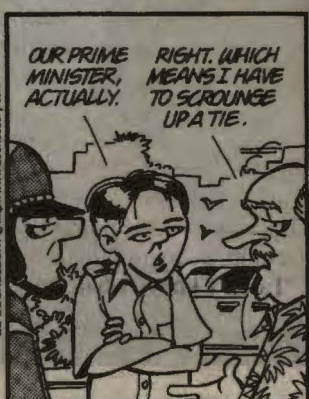
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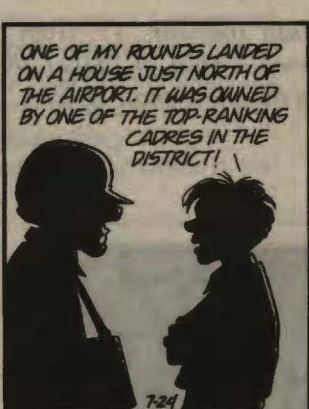
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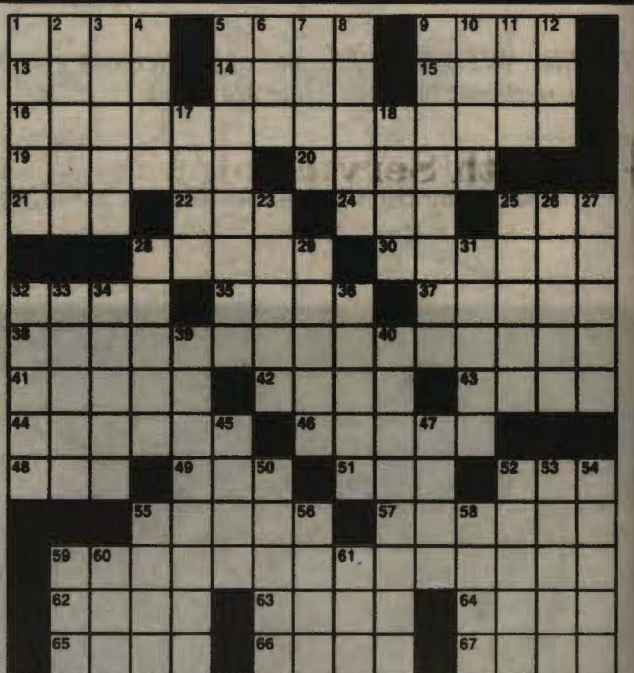
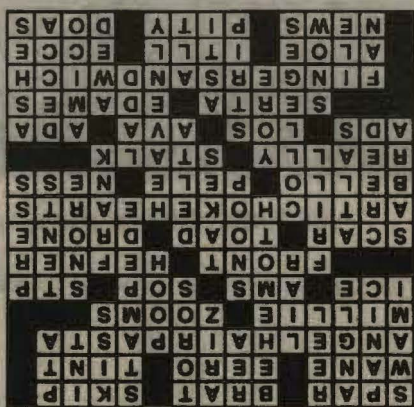
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After bypassing Eastern, Rams stuck in Macomb

MACOMB (AP) - Until last year, the Rams called the nation's second-largest city home. So you'll have to excuse some of the players if they're having a tough time getting used to their new training camp surroundings.

"I've never seen so much corn in my life," punter Sean Landeta said, recalling the 170-mile drive north from St. Louis to the Western Illinois University campus. "Not acres of corn, but miles and miles of corn."

Landeta lives in a Baltimore suburb in the offseason, close to everything. He can't imagine life in the many one- and zero-stop-sign towns along the way to Macomb, a city of 20,000.

"I don't know what those peo-

ple do every day," Landeta said. "How do you pass the months and years by? I was thinking if I lived there, I'd have to have the biggest satellite dish. Not the one that gets 200 channels - 2,000. I'd have to have a swimming pool, I'd have to have pool, pinball, ping pong, 10 80-inch TVs, computers, fax machines." What the Rams are getting instead is the Spartan life.

They were 7-9 in their first season in St. Louis, and team management likes the idea of taking away any possible distractions during camp. Players who want to watch a little TV during their month-long stay at an 18-story dorm the team has commandeered had to go out and buy one themselves.

"I've never seen so much corn in my life. Not acres of corn, but miles and miles of corn."

-Sean Landeta, Rams punter

"It's kind of remote, but it's out of our hands," linebacker Roman Phifer said. "If the coach thinks this is going to help us focus, then so be it. Personally, I like St. Louis. I would have rather it had been there."

Last summer, the Rams trained at Maryville University in a St. Louis suburb, but it was far from a perfect scenario.

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these teams "aren't going anywhere."

Shaquille joins a couple of head cases in Nick Van Exel and Cedric Ceballos, the Lakers' team captains last year who both proved that they have the ability to think with the wrong end of their bodies. Van Exel threw a shove at an official, and Ceballos took off for a get-away weekend on a houseboat with his wife and friends. Some team leaders.

Think Shaq will be any better as a team leader? Not in Tinseltown, where he will be just steps away from the world premiers of his latest movies (like the critically-ripped-on "Kazaam") and the staging of all his rap videos.

Missing from last year's Lakers squad will be Vlade Divac, which will put more emphasis on Shaq to take to the boards. Anthony Peeler and

George Lynch were traded to make room for O'Neal under the team's salary cap.

Elden Campbell and Eddie Jones provide some aggression, and new "kid" on the block Kobe Bryant, fresh out of high school, may give Los Angeles a lift in the youthful energy department.

But the caliber of talent of Shaquille's new teammates is far inferior to that of his old mates in Mickey Mouse-land. And Shaq can't turn an entire organization into an NBA Finals lock with his anemic free throw shooting.

There was a time last season when O'Neal said his top priority was to win a world championship. But he made it quite apparent that when money talks, you-know-what walks ... and Shaq is apparently full of that you-know-what.

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Sports



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Shaq shows where his true priorities lie

Well, the world of professional sports has turned topsy-turvy again, to no one's surprise, I'm sure.

The steadfast creed of most athletes used to be one of "I don't care about fame and fortune, I just want to win a championship," regardless of their sport.

But when Shaquille O'Neal signed the most lucrative contract in sports history last week, he gave the biggest burden of proof that winning it all is no longer a top priority in sports.

As the Shaq-Fu could be heard repeating at his press conference, "Money, money, money, money, money ..." And with no regard for anything but greenbacks, Shaq jumped ship from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Granted, the \$120 million price tag on the next seven years of his service would be hard for anyone to pass up. But let's think for just a second about what the Shaq-daddy did here.

The Magic are just two short years removed from their first trip to the NBA Finals, where they were swept by the Houston Rockets in 1995. And they managed to reach the Eastern Conference Finals again this past year before bowing out to the Bulls.

By heading for Los Angeles, O'Neal is leaving perhaps the strongest young nucleus in the NBA. Penny Hardaway has established himself as one of the finest all-around players in the game. Horace Grant just signed a five-year deal to remain Magical. Nick Anderson, Dennis Scott and Brian Shaw are certainly not slouches in anybody's book. And do I even need to mention Jon Koncak?

With the Bulls aging quickly (even though no one wants to admit this fact), and coach Phil Jackson, Scottie Pippen and — what's his name? — some Michael guy, signed only through 1996-97, Orlando was in position to thrust past Chicago (eventually) to become Kings of the East. And keep in mind, there's still no assurances that self-proclaimed bad-boy Dennis Rodman will even be back next year.

By leaving the Magic, Shaq didn't just hurt Orlando's chances for a title in the next few years, he most definitely hurt his own chances.

The Lakers need Shaq, but he has to realize that he can't conceivably lead them to an NBA title next season. Houston, Utah, Seattle — Magic Johnson even admitted during Saturday's NBC Olympic telecast of the Dream Team's opening round stumble-through win over Argentina that

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No more Blues for Gretzky

'Great One' leaves St. Louis, signs with New York Rangers

NEW YORK (AP) — Wayne Gretzky is now the center of attention in New York.

The Great One officially joined the Rangers on Sunday, ending a free-agent odyssey of three weeks that had stretched from one end of the continent to the other.

"It's been a hard three weeks for me," Gretzky said after the Rangers announced at a

press conference at Madison Square Garden that he had been signed to a two-year contract. "So many teams were so nice to me and made some very lucrative offers. The hard part was, I could only choose one team."

At the end, Gretzky was in a New York state of mind. He admitted a big factor was playing again with Mark Messier, an old friend and teammate in Edmonton, and playing for a team "focused on winning a championship." Gretzky said he took a pay cut to do it.

"I'm probably the only free agent to come to New York for less money," said the player who holds more than 60 NHL records, including most goals and points.

Gretzky made a league-high \$6.54 million last

year while dividing his time between the Los Angeles Kings and St. Louis Blues. He will make less than that with the Rangers, although still much more than most of the players in the league.

"My instincts were that maybe money wasn't all that important," said Gretzky, who will be the second-highest paid Ranger behind Messier's \$6 million. "Don't get me wrong — I'm still being paid very nicely. But my gut feeling was that I wanted to come here. I was always intrigued by New York. I always thought it was a great place to play. What tipped the scales was to play with Mark and with a team focused on winning a championship. I wanted to come here and I'm thrilled they wanted me."



KRISTINE HILLMAN/Photo editor

Snopek, Ventura homer in Sox win

CHICAGO (AP) — Rookie Chris Snopce hit two home runs and drove in four runs and Robin Ventura added a two-run homer to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 6-3 victory Sunday over the Kansas City Royals.

Snopek hit a solo homer with one out in the second and a three-run homer with two out in the sixth. It was the first two-homer, four-RBI game of his career, and it helped the Sox snap a four-game losing streak.

Wilson Alvarez (12-5) scattered six hits, struck out six and walked three over seven innings. Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth for his 29th save.

Chris Haney (8-8) gave up seven hits and six runs over 5 2-3 innings, but only one run was earned because of a throwing error by shortstop Jose Offerman.

With two out in the sixth and the Sox trailing 3-1, Harold Baines walked and Lyle Mouton reached on Offerman's miscue. Snopek hit his second homer of the game and sixth this year for a 4-3 lead. Ray Durham then singled and Ventura followed with his 22nd home run.

Mike Sweeney singled to lead off the Royals' second and Joe Randa hit his third home run two outs later.

Just kickin it

Kivelin Davis, a sophomore undecided major, practices with members of The Hack Club in the Library Quad Thursday afternoon. THC will be attending the World Footbag Championships in Montreal August 4-11.

Pagnozzi's 10th-inning shot lifts Cards

St. Louis increases its lead over rival Cubs to 8 1/2 games

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tom Pagnozzi homered with one out in the 10th inning Sunday to give the St. Louis Cardinals a 6-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Pagnozzi hit an 0-2 pitch off Turk Wendell (4-3) to give the Cardinals a split of the four-game weekend series.

Reliever Mark Petkovsek (6-1) pitched a

scoreless 10th for the win. Pagnozzi's home run was his seventh of the season.

Brian McRae hit his fifth home run of the season with one out in the ninth off Cardinals reliever Dennis Eckersley to tie the score at 5-5. For Eckersley, who was seeking his 17th save, it was his third blown save in 19 chances this season.

Ron Gant gave the Cardinals a 2-0 lead in the first with his 16th home run after Ray Lankford doubled. The home run was measured at 424 feet and was the first hit into the new fan area called Homer's Landing that the Cardinals opened this year.

The Cardinals scored three runs in the second, highlighted by Brian Jordan's bases-loaded dou-

ble. Jordan is 11-for-14 with 27 RBIs with the bases loaded this year.

Gant drove in the first run of the inning when he drew a two-out walk with the bases loaded. Jordan doubled to left, scoring Osborne and Ozzie Smith, but Gant was out at the plate on a strong relay from shortstop Rey Sanchez.

Sammy Sosa drove in the Cubs first run in the sixth with his league-leading 31st home run.

St. Louis starter Donovan Osborne allowed three runs, struck out four and walked two in his six innings. The Cubs scored three runs in the seventh to chase him.

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